

April 8, 1968

Dear Mrs. King:

In the name of the University of Santa Clara may I extend to you and your children the sincere sympathy of the entire University.

With nine other priests I concelebrated a Memorial Mass for your husband, the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., at noon on Friday, April 5. The Santa Clara Mission Church was filled to overflowing with the students, the faculty, the administration, and the regents of the University. All of us have been profoundly shocked and saddened by your husband's assassination, and we could think of no better way to pay tribute to his memory immediately.

At their meeting the following day, the Board of Regents notably increased the amount of financial aid available to students from minority groups. I can assure you that the University will greatly increase its efforts to recruit and assist, financially and academically, students from minority groups.

In this time of great personal sorrow may you be consoled by the words of Christ, "Whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Few have done more for Christ's brothers than your husband.

May God bless you and your children always.

With great respect and sympathy,

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